GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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LINKING OF PENINSULAR RIVERS BY CANALS
BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have received any proposals from the Governments of Orissa, Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadufor linking the peninsular rivers by canals;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) to (c) No, Sir. However, the Ministry of water Resources, then known as the Ministry of Irrigation, formulated a National Perspective Plan for water resources development in 1980 which envisages inter linkages among Peninsular Rivers and Himalayan Rivers for transferring water from water surplus basins to water deficit areas for optimum utilisation of water resources. The Government of India has established the National Development Agency (NWDA) in 1982 as an autonomous society to carryoutwater balance and other studies and prepare feasibility reports. NWDA hasidentified 30 links under the National Perspective for preparation of the feasibility reports and has completed feasibility reports of 6 links under Peninsular Component.